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Question.

Who made thee?

Answere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almightie, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. To serue him.

Q. How oughtest thou to serue him?

A. e As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God spake all these wordes, and said, Thou shalt haue none other Gods before me, &c.

Q. Canst thou fulfill all these Commaundements without breaking anie one of them?

A. No, though I doe all that I can, yet I breake them euery daye, in h thought

a Isa.44.2. Psal.33.9.13 14.15.
b Gen.17.1 Iere.32.18 19.
c Gen.2.4.5 Isa.44.24. Iere.10.23. prou 21.30. 31.
e Deut.10. 12. Iosh.22.5
f Deut.12. 32. psal.119.4
g Exod.20 Deut.6.5 7.
h Mat.15 19

thought worde and deede.

rom.3.8.29

Q. What punishment is there appoin-
ted for the breach of these commaunde-
ments.

i Deut. 27. 26. mat.25. 41.

A. i The curse of God, which is eter-
nall destruction both of bodie and soule.

Q. By what meanes then shalt thou
escape this punishment?

k Gal.3.13. col.2.14.15. l Mat.17.5 heb.1.23. m Phil.2.8. heb.5.7.8.9

A. k Onely by Jesus Christ.

Q. What is Jesus Christ?

A. He is the l eternall sonne of God.

Q. What hath he done for thee?

A. Hee m suffered the torments of
death for me.

Q. Christ Jesus was God, and how
then could he die?

n Isa.9.6. Rom.9.5. 1.Tim.2.5. 1.phil.2.6.7. o Rom.4.25. 1.Pet.2.24.

A. Christ Jesus was both n God and
o man, and in that hee was God, hee
could not die: but being man, hee died p
for my sinnes, and rose againe to make
me righteous.

Q. Are all men then saued by his death

q Iohn.3.18 36.acts.13 48. r Ephe.3.12 col.2.5.7. Ephes.3.17.

A. No, none are saued, q but such
as lay hold on him by a liuely faith.

Q. What is a liuely faith?

A. A liuely faith is a r full perswasi-
on of my s heart, grounded vppon the
pro-

promises of GOD: that whatsoeuer Christ hath done for the saluation of mã, he hath done it as well for mee as for any others. Acts 15.9. 1 Rom.4.18 21. heb.11.11

Q. How commest thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghost doth worke it u inwardly in my heart, by the outwarde x preaching of his worde. u Act.19.14. Iohn 6.45. x Rom. 10. 14.17. acts 11.14.

Q. How is this faith increased & made strong in vs?

A. y By hearing the same worde preached, and vsing the Sacraments. y 2.Thes.1.3 Pi ou.4.18

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z signes ordeined of God, and are left as a seales and pledges of those benefits of our saluation which wee receiue in Christ to strengthen our faith. z Gen.17.11. exod.12.3.4 aRom.4.11. 1.cor.10.16 17.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptisme and the Lordes supper. b 1. Cor.16 1.2.3.4.

Q. What profite hast thou by Baptisme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptisme my c sinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water doth wash the filthe of my body: so I beleeue that the d bloud of Christ being c Acts 22. 16.& 2.38. d Ephe.1.7 1 Pet.1.

e Heb.10.22. Act.15.9. sprinckled vpon my soule by the e hande of faith, doeth washe mee from all my sinnes.

Q. What profit hast thou by the vse of the Lordes supper?

f Mat.26. 19.27. 1 Cor.11.23. 24.25. g 1.Cor.1.30 2.Cor.5.21 h Rom.4.3. ephe.1.13. A. As I receiue the f bread and wine into my body to become wholy mine: so I beleeue that my soule receiueth with all Christ Iesus with g his death and righteousnesse to the h sealing vp of my euerlasting saluation.

Q. Seeing that they which receiue these mysteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how ought best thou to prepare thy selfe to the right receiuing of them?

1 Cor.11. 28. 2.Cor.5.13. 21.1 hes.30 1.cor.16.8. Mat.26.15 2.Cor 9.70 m Psa.51.13 Rom.7.2.4. n Mat.5.2. Heb.12.14. o Mat.18.22 colol.3.12. 13. A. First I i must examine my selfe whether I k stande strongly in the true faith of Iesus Christ or no.

Secondly, whether I find my heart l inwardly greeued for my sinnes with m hatred and loathing of the same.

Thirdly, if any offence bee betwixt others and mee, that I n reconcile my selfe vnto them, and o forgiue them euen as Christ hath forgiuen me.

Q. Is not prayer a speciall meanes to

increase

increase our faith. p Acts 4.29. 31.

A. Yea it is p a speciall helpe.

Q. How ought'est thou then to pray? Luke 7.51.

A. Onely to God in the name of Jesus Christ. q Iohn 15 23. Iames. 15

Q. What forme of prayer wilt thou vse?

A. That which our Lorde Jesus taught his Apostles. 1 Mat. 6.9. Luke 11.2.

Q. What is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen, &c.

Q. Howe vnderstandest thou this prayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth sixe petitions: whereof the first three are appointed onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein wee aske things necessarie both for soule and bodie.

Finis.

OPen our eyes (O Lorde) that we may see the wōderous things of thy lawe: that by them as by a glasse we may see our owne weaknesse, and by our weaknes our wickednesse, and by them both our accursednesse: then cause

eanse thy sweete comforts and consolations conteined in thy Gospel, to shine into our soules, by a true and a lively faith in Christ Iesus: beseeching thee that our drie and stonie hearts, may by the sweete dewes & showers of thy heauenly spirite, be so moistened & softned, that as good ground they may euer bee yeelding foorth good fruite to the glorifying of thy name, to the suppressing of sinne, and increasing of vertue, through Christ our Sauiour, Amen.